Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Joseph Jacob Foss is a true American hero that South Dakotans take great pride in calling their own; and,

WHEREAS, Born on the family farm in 1915, Joe Foss has worked hard for everything he has achieved in life. After the death of his father, he kept the family farm solvent through the dark days of the Great Depression. Later, he worked his way through college and paid $65 on the installment plan for flying lessons at the Sioux Falls airport that now bears his name. And upon graduation, he enlisted in the Marine Corps and quickly became a skilled Marine aviator; and,

WHEREAS, For unequalled heroics in battle during World War II, Joe was presented with the Congressional Medal of Honor by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. He was also awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross by Admiral "Bull" Halsey before being discharged as a Major in 1945; and,

WHEREAS, As a civilian, Joe Foss has been just as successful. He was twice elected to the South Dakota Legislature, he had two terms as Governor of the state, he spent six years as the Commissioner of the American Football League, and he later starred in his own television series; and,

WHEREAS, Despite this overwhelming star status, Joe Foss is a humble, Christian man who devotes a good portion of his time to helping the less fortunate. He helped organize the Crippled Children's Hospital, he has worked with the Easter Seal Foundation and the Boy Scouts, and he has toured the country on behalf of the Campus Crusade for Christ; and,

WHEREAS, Joe's wife, Donna, and their five children are proud to join all America in saluting one of our country's greatest living heroes:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 23, 1983, as

JOE FOSS DAY

in South Dakota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twentieth Day of April, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Three

WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

ALICE KUNDERT, SECRETARY OF STATE

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